Veena, Sarod, Flute and other instruments.

टिहरी बांध की ऊंचाई

*131.**श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी**: क्या विद्युत मंत्री 15 जुलाई,1998 को राज्य सभा में तांराकित प्रश्र 409 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुख्य टिहरी बांध को ई.एल.600 मीटर तक उठाने के कारण पुराने टिहरी शहर को डूबने की संभावनाओं का सामना करना पड़ेगा;

(ख) यदि हां,तो क्या टिहरी के सभी विधिमान्य भूस्वामियों तथा मकान मालिकों के पुनर्वास का कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया हैं,यदि हां,तो भू-स्वामियों तथा वास्तविक मकान मालिकों की संख्या क्या है और कितने अन्य व्यक्तियों को पुनर्वास का लाभ दिया गया है;और

(ग) वास्तविक लाभ के कितने पात्र भूस्वामियों को अभी पुनर्वास लाभ दिया जाना शेष हैं ?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री पी.आर.कुमारमंगलम): (क) कॉफर बांध जिसका स्तर ई.एम.661 मीटर तक उठाया जा चुका हैं के कारण पुराने टिहरी शहर के जलमग्र होने की संभावना नहीं है । मानसून अवधि (जुलाई-सिमम्बर) के दौरान आवाह क्षेत्र में जब भी भारी वर्षा होती है तो जिला प्रशासन समेत टी.एच.डी.सी.निचले क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले परिवारों को सुरक्षित स्थानों में ले जाने संबंधी कदम उठाते हैं । पुराने टिहरी शहर में प्रभावित होने वाले संभावित क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले परिवारों को सुरक्षित स्थानों में ले जाने के लिए प्रतिवर्ष आकस्मिक योजना तैयार की जाती है ।

(ख) और (ग) पुराने टिहरी शहर में प्रभावित लोगों का पुनर्वास आंरभ कर दिया गया है । ताकि अनुमोदित पुनर्वास एंव पुनस्थार्पना नीति के अनुसार पात्र परिवारों को लाभ प्रदान किया जा सके । 2438 शहरी आवासीय भूस्वामी ऐसे हैं जिसका पुनर्वास किए जाने की आवश्यकता है । इसमें नये टिहरी शहर के निर्माण से प्रभावित तीन गांवों के 269 भू-स्वामी शामिल हैं ।

आवासीय भू-खंडों का विकास किया जा चुका है और 2400 भू-स्वामियों को इसका आंबटन किया जा चुका है । भू-स्वामियों द्वारा अभी आवंटन हेतु आवेदन पत्र प्रस्तुत किए जाने हैं । इसके अतिरिक्त 28534 आवासीय फ्लैट कार्यालयों/स्थापनाओं और संस्थानों के कर्मचारियों और किरायेदारों को प्रदान किए जाने अपेक्षित हैं । इसमें से 2708 आवासीय फ्लैट/मकानों का पहले ही निर्माण किया जा चुका है और 2069 फ्लैट/ मकानों का आवेदन कर दिया गया है । शेष पात्र व्यक्तियों/स्थापनाओं को आवासीय फ्लैट आबंटित करने की प्रक्रिया प्रगति पर हैं ।

Decline in Remittances by NRIs

132. SHRI AKHILESH DAS

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been 33% decline in remittances by non-resident Indians under various deposit schemes during 1997-98;

(b) it so, the scheme-wise decline giving scheme-wise figures of deposits during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 the reasons therefor; and

(c) how far the deposits have improved during the first six months of 1998-99 and what is the estimated improvement by the end of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the data furnished by the Reserve Bank of India, the outstanding balances in the three NR d< schemes arc consistently on the increase in the past two years. Year-wise details of outstanding* balances under the three schemes arc as follows:

Rs. in crores

Deposit Account	31.3.19%	31.3.1997	31.3.1998	percentage in-rea.sc in Col. 4 over Col. 3
1	2	3	4	5
FCNR (Banks)	19157	28472	33907	19%
NRE	13495	17099	21766	27%
NRNR	10834 **i**	18976	23350	23%

(c) The outstanding balances during the first quarter of 1998-99 for which information is available also shows an increasing trend as detailed below and the trend is estimated to continue.

Rs. in crores

Deposit Account	31.3.1998	30.6.1998
FCNR (Banks)	33907	35610
NRE	21766	22548
NRNR	23350	24175

Power Plant at Gopalpur, Orissa

*133. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gopalpur Coal Mines under Sundargarn Parliamentary Constituency in Orissa is the biggest in Asia and whether Government have any proposal to encourage the private concern to set up Power Plant at Gopalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule for setting up the Power Plant; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) the Hirma thermal Power Project being promoted by M/s Consolidated Electric Power Asia (India) Ltd. (6 x 660 MW) is proposed to be developed in the village of Hirma, District Jharsujuda, orissa for which a coal linkage of 19 million tonnes per annum has been accorded from the Kulda and Garjan Bahal Blocks in Gopalpur tract of lb Valley Coal fields under the Mahanadid Coal Fields Ltd. So far, this is the largest power project proposed to be set up in the country in the private sector. After financial closure, the first Unit is planned to be commissioned in 39 months and the second Unit in 42 months and the remaining units at an interval of 3 months each thereafter.

Soiled/Mutilated Notes Issued by the Banks

*134. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to- state:

(a) whether Government are aware that packets/bundles of re-issued currency notes issued by the public sector banks generally contain soiled and mutilated denotes; and

(b) if so, what corrective measures Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHA-NAN): (a) and (b) the Rescve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the soiled notes arc withdrawn in a phased manner by the Issuing Offices through more than 4000 currency chests maintained by public sector banks all over the country. Such notes arc also received at the counters of Issue Offices from the Government departments and public. RBI has also issued instructions to all the banks that the notes received by them should be first properly sorted out into reissuables and non-issuablcs. As a part of currency management banks are required to deposit non-issuable notes with currency chests so that such notes can be removed by the RBI Issue offices from time to time for eventual destruction and not put back into circulation. Reports of instances of soiled or mutilated notes being found in packets or rc-issued currency notes are forwarded to the Banks for taking corrective measures.

Operation of Private/Foreign Banks

*136. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private sector as well as foreign banks provide